

**REMARKS**

This Amendment amends claims 1 and 7. The "entire antenna location" feature of claims 1 and 7 is supported by Figs. 2 and 5, as well as page 10, lines 19-24 of the application. Claims 1-10, 12 and 14 are pending.

This Amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14 over U.S. Patent No. 6,459,588 to Morizumi et al. A feature of the claimed method and smart card is the deposition/presence of a resin layer on a predetermined zone on an antenna support, with the zone corresponding to the location where the entire antenna is to be printed or being slightly larger than this location. The resin layer is more dimensionally stable than the antenna support at elevated temperature and pressure.

Morizumi et al. fails to disclose or suggest the "entire antenna location" feature of the claimed method and smart card. Isolation layer 14 does not encompass the entire antenna circuit 13, as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 3, 7 and 8. Moreover, there is no disclosure or suggestion that Morizumi et al.'s isolation resin layer is more dimensionally stable than the antenna support at elevated temperature and pressure. Reconsideration and withdrawal

of the anticipation rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14 over Morizumi et al. are earnestly requested.

It is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to these claims, are earnestly requested. The examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned should she believe any further action is required for allowance.

The fee for a three month extension of time is being paid electronically today. It is not believed any additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

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